

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the assessor of Torrance Co., New Mexico, or his deputy, will be at the precincts on the dates stated below for the purpose of receiving the tax returns, to wit:

Prec't 6, Willard, Torrance Co. Sav. Bank, Fri. & Sat., Mar. 4 & 5	
" 6, Progreso, Monday, March 7	7
" 11, Cedarvale, Office of E. D. Smith, Tuesday, "	8
" 11, Pinos Wells, House of Juan de Dios Salas, Wed., "	9
" 10, Varney School Dist., House of N. B. Brown, Thur., "	10
" 10, Duran, Store of D. B. Grigsby, Fri., & Sat., Mar., 11 & 12	11 & 12
" 13, Abo, House of Paubino Carrillo, Monday, "	14
" 15, Mountainair, Office of M. B. Fuller, Tues. & Wed., "	15 & 16
" 12, Encino, Store of G. W. Bond & Bro., Thur. & Fri., "	17 & 18
" 14, Lucia, " E. L. Moulton, Saturday, "	19
" 9, Palma, " John Hesch, Tuesday, "	22
" 8, Moriarty, " A. Milby & Co., Thurs. & Fri., "	24 & 25
" 16, McIntosh, Office of Chas. Meyers, Saturday, "	26
" 4, Cienega, Store of B. B. Spencer, Monday, "	28
" 5, Punta, House of Jose de Jesus Romero, Tues., "	29
" 3, Manzano, " Gabino Baca, Wed., & Thur., "	30 & 31
" 2, Torreon, " Ross Garcia, Friday, April, 1	1
" 1, Tajique, " Jesus Candelaria, Sat., "	2

Section 4035 Compiled Laws 1897, reads as follows:

"If any person liable to taxation, shall fail to render a true list of his property as required by the preceding three sections, the assessor shall make out a list of the property of such person, and its value, according to the best information he can obtain, and such person shall be liable in addition to the tax so assessed, to the penalty of twenty-five per cent. thereof, which shall be assessed and collected as a part of the taxes of such person."

In addition to the above, parties failing to make returns of their property do not get the benefit of the exemption of \$200.00 provided by law.

Every property owner is urged to meet the assessor at one of the above dates and towns and make return of his property in person as required by law, which will be found more satisfactory to all concerned than by correspondence. However if not convenient to be at your precinct on the date designated, the office at Estancia will be open from March 1st to May 1st.

D. C. HOWELL,  
Assessor Torrance County.

## Bryan on "Personal Liberty Trees Planting on the Plains"

The liquor dealers, recognizing that their very obvious pecuniary interest would lessen the weight of any argument which they might publicly advance are making their fight under organizations purporting to represent those who use liquor. Many well meaning men have been misled into believing that every attempt to lessen the evils of intemperance is a "fanatical attack" on "personal liberty."

It is time the phrase "personal liberty" were defined.

What is meant by "personal liberty?" Does it mean that a person has a right to drink in any quantity, at any time and in any place, no matter what injury he may inflict upon others? If not, with whom rests the right to fix limitations?

A drunken man is a menace to the lives and property of those about him; have his neighbors no right to protect themselves?

A drunken man robs his wife and children, and he may finally make his family a charge upon society; has society no right to protect itself?

The noon is the next-of-kin of the brothel and the gambling hall; it is a rendezvous of the criminal element and the willing tool of the corrupt politician; has not the body politic a right to protect itself from the demoralization which the saloon works?

The right to drink does not necessarily demand the establishment of a saloon. The right to drink is sufficiently protected by any arrangement that permits the reasonable use of liquor under reasonable conditions; and it must be remembered that the right to drink, like any other right, can be forfeited. Nothing is more sacred than the right to life, and yet one may forfeit his right to life if he uses it in such a way as to threaten the life of another. So, the man who drinks to excess may forfeit the right to drink; even the moderate drinker may forfeit the right to drink in moderation if, not content with reasonable regulations he insists that liquor shall be sold under conditions that constitute a menace to the home and to the state.

The man who desires to drink moderately ought to join with those who seek to reduce the evils of drink to the lowest possible point instead of allying himself with those who ignore the evils of intemperance and resist every effort put forth for the protection of society.

—Hon. W. J. Bryan, in Commoner.

As being of the greatest local interest and in the hope that you will be able to give the space to publish it, I am sending an extract from an article in McClure's Magazine about the planting of trees on the plains country of the Canadian North west. It seems to me a matter of paramount importance that this Valley shall develop a tree growth; I fully believe that patches of trees here and there over the Valley would add dollars per acre to the land values and would increase the chances of good crops each season.

McClure's says:—"With the founding of the Central Farm, tree planting was begun."

But tree-planting on Eastern farms is almost a luxury, on the North west prairies—miles and miles with neither tree nor shrub, the winds rushing over them sometimes at thirty miles an hour—it becomes a vital necessity. We the east have no conception of what such a condition means to the farmer. Every attempt to grow our most hardy fruit tree was proving an utter failure. The North-west homesteader longed for shelter from the choking, dust-laden winds of summer as much as from the winter blizzard at "thirty below."

"On his North-west farm, accordingly, the Director began to develop tree-belts; first, chiefly of the native Manitoba maple and the native ash; when these were established, of evergreens, in their shelter. Under this almost windproof protection areas were hedged off in checker-board pattern with poplar, maple lilac even; and garden planting was begun within these box-like squares.

"Indian Head started without a tree or bush. In four years she reported herself as 'practically provided with shelter belts, forest clumps, avenues and hedges.' It was apparent soon that the problem of shelter for the Northwest farm had been solved.

In snug squares and garden plots were growing strawberries, raspberries, currants, table vegetables, and flowers in phenomenal luxuriance, and a few young apple trees which had never before been wintered in that region."

Of course, this article tells about what has been done by the Experiment Farms of the Canadian Government, but our local farmers can do as well or better and they will be ahead ultimately, both in money and in comfort and beauty which, to them, will appeal just as strongly.

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